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SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether 'Sardar' was recognized by the Government?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"'Sardar' falls under the class which I referred to as 'expressions of regard and respect universally recognized' in the country."

Expenditure for Revenue Divisional offices and proposal, if any, to abolish them.

* 19 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the total expenditure incurred by the Government is for all the Revenue Divisional offices in the Presidency in 1938–39; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to abolish these offices?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—"(*a*) The Budget Estimate and the Revised Estimate for 1938–39 are given below:—

	Budget estimate.	Revised estimate.
	RS.	RS.
Charged	5,28,000	4,69,000
Voted	14,22.300	15,06,200
Total ..	19,50,300	19,75,200

"The actual expenditure for that year is not yet available.

"(*b*) There is no such proposal."

Patients thrown out of the Tirumani Leper Settlement and other leper asylums and provisions for housing them.

* 20 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to refer to the answer given to my question No. 248 on 12th May 1939 and to state—

(*a*) whether the Government can now give the approximate number of the leper patients thrown out of the Tirumani Leper Settlement and leper asylums aided by the Government as a result of the action taken on G.O. Ms. No. 4535, P.H., dated 19th December 1938;

(*b*) whether the Government have ascertained if any charitable institutions have undertaken to house and care for such thrown-out patients;

(*c*) if so, which of them and to what extent such offers have been made; and

(*d*) whether the Government are prepared to give grant-in-aid to such agencies?

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (*a*) Two hundred and eighty.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Government have ascertained that no charitable institution is prepared to house and care for these patients except the Roman Catholic Mission, which is prepared to house the patients discharged from the Leper Hospital, Kumbakonam, on payment of grant by the Government for their maintenance.

" (*d*) The matter will be considered."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—" May I enquire how many persons from Tirumani were thrown out? The figures given apply to all the places; I want figures for the Tirumani settlement separately."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" This is for the whole Province, Sir. For the whole Province, the number is 280."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—" What is the number in the case of the Tirumani settlement alone?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" If the hon. Member will please put a separate question to that effect with due notice, I shall answer it."

Dumping of Ceylon coconuts in the Presidency.

* 21 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government contemplate taking any measures to stop or reduce the dumping of Ceylon coconuts into this Province and particularly into Malabar?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI:—" The matter is under correspondence with the Government of India."

SRI T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state what is the extent of the interest in coconut plantations which the South Indians possess in Ceylon, and its value?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI:—" If the hon. Member puts another question separately, I shall answer."

Alleged change of school text-books by the President, Tanjore District Board, before the prescribed period.

* 22 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the President of the Tanjore District Board changed text-books prescribed for board high schools in June 1939 and circularized the headmasters to adopt